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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REPEAL OF MISA

REF: NEW DELHI 4656

1. HOME MINISTER CHARAN SINGH REDEEMED A JANATA PARTY
PLEDGE ON APRIL 19 WHEN HE PUT BEFORE PARLIAMENT A BILL
TO REPEAL THE 1971 MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY ACT (MISA),
UNDER WHOSE PROVISIONS FORMER PRIME MINISTER GANDHI
IMPRISONED THOUSANDS OF HER POLITICAL OPPONENTS DURING HER
21 MONTHS OF EMERGENCY RULE. THE HOME MINISTER REPRESENTED
THE BILL AS FOLLOWING UP THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION LAST
MONTH NOT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE TO PROVIDE
FOR PREVENTIVE DETENTION (REFTEL).

2. DURING QUESTION HOUR, WHEN ASKED WHAT WOULD
TAKE THE PLACE OF MISA AGAINST THE "FORCES OF
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ANARCHY," THE HOME MINISTER REPLIED THAT MAINTENANCE
OF LAW AND ORDER IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATES,
WHICH MAY ADOPT PREVENTIVE DETENTION LEGISLATION IF
THEY CHOOSE. HE NOTED THAT ANDHRA PRADESH, JAMMU
AND KASHMIR, RAJASTHAN AND UTTAR PRADESH CURRENTLY
HAVE PREVENTIVE DETENTION LAWS ON THE BOOKS. HE
ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THESE LAWS WERE DIRECTED

AGAINST "ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS", AND COULD NOT BE USED
TO MAKE POLITICAL ARRESTS.
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